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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

MISSION

The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice fulfills a leadership role in the statewide coordination of the criminal Justice System.

As the state's justice advocate, the Commission:

- develops comprehensive plans
- facilitates the improvement of criminal and juvenile justice administration
- provides a forum for discussion and problem solving among state, federal, local, and private agencies



As Executive Director, I am pleased to present the 2010 Annual Report of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

We remain committed to our Vision Statement which states that we will "strive to be a leader in criminal and juvenile justice progress through the dedication of forward-thinking staff, services provided with integrity, and leadership in the spirit of cooperation."

The Nebraska Crime Commission is proud of our accomplishments during fiscally challenging times and looks to the future with optimism. I commend

the staff of the Crime Commission and our commission and coalition members for their dedication and service to the State of Nebraska.

It is my pleasure to work with a very competent and professional staff that is dedicated to fulfilling our statutory mission and our own mission statement which states how the Crime Commission 'fulfills a leadership role in the statewide coordination of the criminal justice system.' We could not be successful without working in partnerships with allied state agencies, law enforcement, victim advocates and juvenile coalitions from across our state. For all of these groups and individuals, I am extremely grateful. I also want to extend my gratitude to members of both the Executive and Legislative branches for their continued support.

I hope you find the 2010 Annual report a valuable resource which promotes confidence in our ability to serve our great State of Nebraska.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Behm
Executive Director

VISION

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CRIME COMMISSION APPROPRIATIONS FY 10/11

The Crime Commission's budget is divided into nine budget programs, with a total staffing in Lincoln of 26.3 positions and 19.0 in Grand Island. The following pages contain a brief description of each budget program, as well as a breakdown by type of funds, operations, and aid.

JUVENILE SERVICES

General Funds, Operations	111,584
General Funds, Aid	587,812
Total General Funds	699,396

These funds are distributed to local communities for programs which provide alternatives to juvenile incarceration. The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (Committee) makes decisions on awarding these funds, the County Juvenile Services funds, and the federal Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Funds.

VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE

General Funds, Operations	3,821
General Funds, Aid	52,559
Total General Funds	56,380
Federal Funds, Operations	135,000
Federal Funds, Aid	2,586,000
Total Federal Funds	2,721,000

The Commission provides funding for local victim assistance and domestic violence centers. These centers provide follow-up support services to crime victims and witnesses as they proceed through the criminal justice system. Partial funding is provided for 37 centers across the state.

AGENCY SUMMARY

General Funds	10,888,437
Cash Funds	1,583,430
Federal Funds	8,527,000*
Total Appropriation	20,998,867

* Does not include one-time ARRA funds.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)

The Commission has received a share of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) federal funds in the following amounts. These are one-time funds and have a two to three year grant period.

Byrne Justice Assistance Act	8,238,012
Violence Against Women Act	1,217,180
Victims of Crime Act	618,000
Crime Victims' Reparations	15,663

CRIME VICTIMS' REPARATIONS

General Funds, Operations	7,837
General Funds, Aid	20,000
Total General Funds	27,837
Cash Funds, Aid	173,248
Federal Funds, Aid	100,000

Funding is provided from this budget program to compensate innocent victims of crime who receive bodily injuries and do not have funds available from other sources to pay medical expenses. Funeral costs and lost wages not covered by insurance are also reimbursed. All claims are examined by Commission staff and approved or denied by the Executive Director.

COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES AID

General Funds, Aid	1,492,500
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These funds assist counties in providing services identified in their comprehensive juvenile services plan. Programs funded include diversion, delinquency prevention, intensive juvenile probation, shelter care, assessment/evaluation, and family support services.

JAIL STANDARDS

General Funds, Operations	286,259
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The Jail Standards Board is responsible for the enforcement of minimum standards for the operation and construction of local jails. Staff from this budget program conduct annual inspections of local jails and juvenile detention facilities and also provide technical assistance.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM (CJIS)

General Funds, Operations	140,688
Federal Funds, Operations	700,000

The CJIS Advisory Committee has developed a statewide strategic plan for improving the exchange of information among criminal justice agencies. Appropriated funds are used to implement those projects identified in the CJIS strategic plan.



CRIME COMMISSION APPROPRIATIONS FY 10/11**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUDGET**

General Funds, Operations	531,359
General Funds, Aid	13,457
Total General Funds	544,816

Cash Funds, Operations 37,596

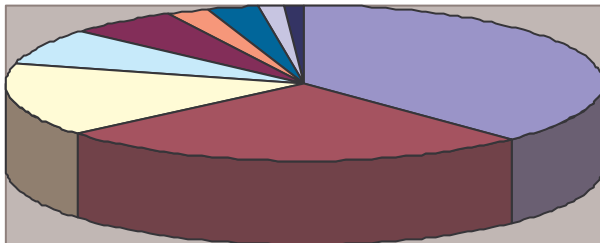
Federal Funds, Operations	629,000
Federal Funds, Aid	4,277,000
Total Federal Funds	4,906,000

This budget program provides the central administrative services for the agency. It also includes most of the major federal grant programs administered by the Crime Commission.

FUNDED PROGRAMS

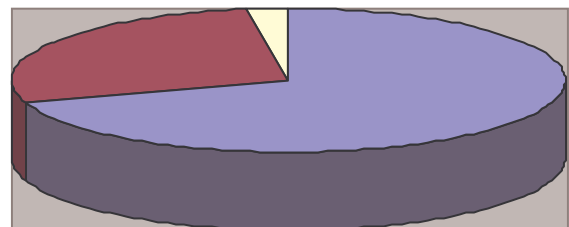
- Uniform Crime Reporting
- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant
- Statistical Analysis Center
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Funds
- Violence Against Women Act Funds
- Safe Neighborhoods
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment
- Meth initiatives
- Sexual Assault Service
- John R. Justice Loan Program
- VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday)
- Hate Crimes Reporting
- Homicide Study
- Racial Profiling Reporting

**Crime Commission Grant Programs
Federal Funds 2010/2011
\$6,863,000**



- Victim Assistance \$2,586,000
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants \$1,780,000
- Violence Against Women \$1,068,000
- Juvenile Justice Title 2 \$510,000
- Juvenile Accountability Incentive \$411,000
- Sexual Assault Services \$153,000
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment \$185,000
- Juvenile Justice Title 5 \$85,000
- John R. Justice Loan Program \$85,000

**Crime Commission Grant
Programs
General Funds 2010/2011
\$2,132,871**



- County Juvenile Services \$1,492,500
- Juvenile Services, \$587,812
- Victim Assistance, \$52,559

THE GRANTS DIVISION

The grants division applies and manages 18 different federal and state grant programs of which 1 is a new program. The grants division in 2010 awarded 232 grant programs for the total amount of \$13,742,273. The grant programs administered by the Crime Commission include:

JOHN R. JUSTICE

The John R. Justice (JRJ) Student Loan Repayment Program is a new federal program that encourages lawyers to enter and be retained as full-time public defenders and public criminal prosecutors. Selected applicants receive educational loan repayments if they promise to remain as a public prosecutor or defender in Nebraska for at least three years. In 2010, a total of \$85,000 was awarded to 32 individual applicants to assist in student loan repayment. In adherence to JRJ Federal guidelines and procedures, JRJ applicants were awarded based upon income to student loan debt ratio. In addition, applicants were awarded to ensure a fair distribution between urban and rural geographic representation.

During the last year the grants division took on 1 new program of funding, worked with 403 active grant programs and processed 1,213 reports per quarter. The Grants Division works with the Nebraska Crime Commission Committee, the Nebraska Crime Commission Grant Review Committee, the VAWA Advisory Committee, and the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice.

EDWARD BYRNE/JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

This federal grant program promotes partnership among federal, state and local criminal justice entities in addressing the state's drug and violent crime issues. In 2010, 9 Local Drug and Violent Crime Task Forces, 1 statewide Drug and Violent Crime Task Force, the Drug and Violent Crime Prosecution Unit with the Attorney General's Office, a Program Manager with the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System, and technical assistance for the Department of Corrections for an investigative software was supported with these funds.

In 2010, Nebraska's task forces made 1,410 arrests for drug activities; seized and purchased 104.4 kilos of methamphetamine, 78.57 kilos of Cocaine (powder and crack); 1,027 kilos of marijuana as well as 4,009 marijuana plants. When looking directly at methamphetamines the task forces report 591 meth related investigations were conducted; 14 working meth labs seized; and 17 meth dump sites discovered. The number of meth labs continues to decrease across the state.

PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD (PSN)

This pass through grant is a federal program that helps reduce gun crime and gang violence. The PSN Task Force determines how the funds will be used. Nebraska's efforts include: 1) a "Hard Time for Gun Crime" media campaign that informs people using a firearm in the commission of crime will add 10 years to their sentence; 2) specialized intervention efforts by criminal justice officials of those identified as prone to the use of a firearm during the commission of a crime; 3) various community activities which result in improved communication between neighbors and with local law enforcement officers; 4) specialized investigative efforts of crimes involving firearms; and, 5) expanded prosecution of crimes involving firearms.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION TITLE V

This federal program is focused on Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) issues due to the limited funds available to States. In 2010, three programs addressing DMC issues received funds. A total of \$33,486 was awarded.

ARRA EDWARD BYRNE/ JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

The Crime Commission administers one time funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support and enhance the same purpose areas as the formula JAG grant program. In 2010, a second solicitation was released and expanded the eligible JAG purpose areas as well as focused on development and implementation of evidence based programming in the criminal justice system. These funds have been awarded to support multi-jurisdictional task forces, information technology, truancy court, court innovation, offender mental health pilot project through probation, and training for public defenders.

RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

This pass through grant is a federal program that provides support for the residential substance abuse treatment programs housed within the correctional facilities. The Nebraska Department of Corrections with these funds has established a comprehensive treatment program for offenders prior to their being eligible for parole. One additional component to their comprehensive program is an aftercare treatment component after the offender is released. NDCS has been successful in significantly expanding the number of residential substance abuse treatment slots and is in the process of adding 180 beds to its existing 240 beds, an approximate 75% increase up to 420 beds. In 2010, 532 inmates entered the RSAT funded programs at NSP, OCC, and NCCW. 381 inmates successfully completed the program.

VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE

This federal program is designed to provide direct services to victims of crime. The funds come from criminal fines and penalties. A limited amount of state funds are also used to support this main goal. In 2010, 38 programs were funded, which consisted of 15 Victim Assistance Units, 22 Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Assault Programs, and 1 Statewide Program (VINE). These programs assisted **82,681** victims and provided **224,973** services to victims in 2010.



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)

This federal program provides funding that promotes the development and strengthening of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and strengthening of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women. This funding source provided funds to 10 Community Response Teams. These teams must prepare a strategy that supports the Nebraska STOP Implementation Plan to carry out building and maintaining partnerships between the criminal justice system and victim advocacy organizations, look beyond traditional resources, and look to new/evolving resources to respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking victims. In addition, Nebraska has 3 statewide positions that are located with the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Probation and Nebraska State patrol. In 2010, VAWA funded 15 programs.

ARRA VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

The Nebraska Crime Commission received additional funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support the priorities of the VAWA program statewide. Awarded projects began January 1, 2010 and support the ARRA VAWA implementation plan through Community Response Teams; court, probation and judicial training; victim services; culturally specific services; legal assistance for victims; training for prosecutors; batterer intervention programs; and law enforcement training.

CRIME VICTIM'S REPARATIONS

This federal program provides financial assistance for innocent victims of crime. With the passage of LB 510 in 2010, more general and cash funds are available for the Crime Victim's Reparations program. The amount of federal matching funds will increase as a result. We anticipate processing 150 to 200 claims per year starting in 2011. In years prior to 2011 we were processing 70 claims per year.

STATE JUVENILE SERVICES

In 2010, 26 juvenile programs were funded; 34 applications were received in this competitive process. Programs across the state included mentoring programs, truancy abatement, gender specific programs, after school programs, academic improvement, and diversion services. The size of award ranged from \$6,250 to \$40,000. A total of \$587,812 was awarded.

COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES AID

These state program dollars are accessed by counties through an application process and must address priorities outlined in the County's Comprehensive Juvenile Services Three Year Plan. By statute, each county is allocated funding based on the population of 12-18 year olds residing in the county. In 2010, a total of \$1,347,437 in County Aid funds were distributed through 36 grant awards supporting a total of 58 counties. For the most recent fiscal year ending June, 2010 these funds supported services which helped 11,899 youth and 255 families from across the state. A variety of programs are made possible through these dollars including Juvenile Diversion, after school programs, and mentoring.

ARRA VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE

This federal program is funded through OVC as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Grant awards funded 10 programs to provide direct services to victims of all crime. The project period started January 1, 2010. A pilot project has been proposed in order to utilize the remaining VOCA ARRA funds. This federal program is funded through OVC as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Grant awards funded ten programs to provide direct services to victims of all crime. The remaining VOCA ARRA funds were awarded out in 2010. With the remaining VOCA ARRA funds, a pilot project was initiated for a State-wide Victims of Crime Advocate position within the Nebraska Attorney General's office. The purpose of the State-wide Advocate is to ensure the entire state of Nebraska is covered by a VOCA advocate. This position travels throughout Nebraska, with priority given to rural areas. Crime victims in isolated rural areas face special challenges when attempting to re-build their lives and recover from the devastation of crime. In addition, to the State-wide Advocate, the remaining VOCA ARRA funds were used to provide emergency services to victims of crime including transportation services, lock changes, assistance with emergency food and utilities, storage facilities and hotel stays. In 2010, VOCA ARRA programs assisted **3,058** victims and provided **5,746** services to victims of crime.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION TITLE II

This federal program has a broad scope with 34 purpose areas. In 2010, 16 juvenile programs were funded; 27 applications were received in this competitive process. Statewide initiatives funded included a Juvenile Compliance Monitor, a Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator, and a Community Planning Coordinator. Across the state, a variety of programs for juveniles were funded including diversion services, gender specific programs, restorative justice, reporting centers, gang prevention/intervention, alternatives to detention, and risk/needs assessments. The size of award ranged from \$8,335 - \$73,165. A total of \$510,000 was awarded.

JUVENILE COMPLIANCE MONITORING

Under the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, Nebraska is required to maintain an adequate system of compliance monitoring for the four core requirements of the Act. These requirements are: 1) removal of status and non-offenders from secure detention facilities; 2) separation of adult and juvenile offenders; 3) removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups; and 4) disproportionate minority contact. The Crime Commission's full-time juvenile compliance monitor is responsible for overseeing the compliance monitoring program including the development of policies and procedures, classification and inspection of secure and non-secure facilities, and data collection and verification on all juveniles confined or securely detained. As of December 31, 2010, Nebraska had over 350 facilities requiring compliance monitoring. For the most recent fiscal year ending June, 2010 on-site monitors were conducted at 105 of these facilities which included juvenile detention centers, county jails, and police departments. Of Nebraska's 93 counties, 40 were visited for compliance monitoring.

METHAMPHETAMINE INITIATIVES

This federal grant program promotes direct funding to establish and enhance a variety of problem solving strategies that will encourage community policing efforts that combat the distribution of methamphetamine. The first project addresses enhancement of ways to combat methamphetamines in Nebraska. This project helps reimburse the cost of the required physicals for local CLAN investigators. It also has provided: training opportunities for those drug investigators within NSP; a methamphetamine specific prosecutor within the Attorney General's Office, start up of methamphetamine specific treatment within Corrections and specialized funding to support treatment needs of those on Probation. The second project derived from a partnership with the Nebraska State Patrol to assist in restoring the drug taskforces across the state during the devastating decrease of JAG funds. These funds supported NSP positions that were part of multi-jurisdictional drug and violent crime task forces in Nebraska.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES PROGRAM

This federal program is designed to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (i.e., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, police departments, etc.), support services, and related assistance to those victimized by sexual assault. The Nebraska Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition is the pass through grant agency for SASP funds. Nebraska's network of domestic violence/sexual assault programs has used the SASP funding to enhance goals and strategies when working with sexual assault victims. These goals include encouraging existing and fledgling coordinated response teams (CRTs) to focus on sexual assault survivors and to provide more information to communities about sexual assault. SASP funding has allowed Nebraska's network of programs to increase their advocate's knowledge of sexual assault services. This increased education of advocates has allowed programs to revamp materials regarding program services to be more inclusive of sexual assault services.

COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES AID ENHANCEMENT

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JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT

This federal program has seventeen (17) Purpose Areas to address the growing problem of juvenile crime by encouraging accountability-based reform at the state and local level. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) determine which cities and counties are eligible to apply for predetermined levels of funding. This funding determination is based on Nebraska's juvenile population and crime data. Cities and Counties eligible to apply for the predetermined 2010 amounts included Sarpy County (\$17,353), Douglas County/City of Omaha (\$118,886), Lancaster County/City of Lincoln (\$78,703), and Hall County (\$11,110). A total of \$226,052 was awarded to the predetermined cities and counties.

State retained dollars must be awarded to fund projects with a statewide impact. In 2010, the funds were awarded to Nebraska Health and Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services – Office of Juvenile Services (NHHS/OJS), to support five School Intervention Worker programs in the state (Columbus, Fremont, Grand Island, Lexington, and North Platte). School Intervention programs provide adjudicated youth, who are unsuccessful with regular community supervision, a structured sanction program in the school setting. A total of \$162,906 was awarded to NHHS/OJS.

A second project was funded with state retained dollars, which also had a statewide impact. Funds were awarded to the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute to develop a web-based Juvenile Diversion Case Management Information System (JDCMIS). A total of \$38,352 was awarded to UNOJJI.

JAIL STANDARDS DIVISION

The primary responsibility of the Jail Standards Division is the implementation and administration of the Jail Standards program. Major activities related to this function in 2010 are listed below.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Jail Standards staff provide assistance, where possible, to assist jails in meeting Standards. During 2010, technical assistance was provided in the following areas:

- The Division has the responsibility for review of plans and specifications in jail facility construction and renovation. The Board must give final approval for all projects before they can be built. Staff establishes ongoing working relationships with architects, consultants and local officials through the duration of such projects, providing input into needs assessment, preliminary planning, pre-architectural programming and design development. Lancaster County, Cherry County and Lincoln County currently have new facilities under construction.
- The Division regularly provides problem solving and technical assistance to jails related to provision of medical services, policy and procedure development and legal issues.



DATA COLLECTION

In 2010, the Division continued to collect data on the characteristics and flow of inmates through local jails. This provides an ongoing database that is critical to both state master planning and planning at the local facility level. For communities planning construction of new jail facilities, this data is essential in determining appropriate size and design characteristics.

THE JAIL STANDARDS BOARD

The Jail Standards program as established in 1975 under Chapter 81, Sections 4,124 - 4,134 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, provides for an eleven-member Jail Standards Board appointed by the Governor. This Board is responsible for the promulgation and enforcement of minimum standards for adult and juvenile detention facilities and for the maintenance, operation and construction of all local criminal detention facilities. Staff support to the Board is provided by the Jail Standards Division of the Nebraska Crime Commission. The Board meets quarterly to consider inspection reports, address local facility requests and consider approval of facility construction or renovation plans.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Staff continually develop and update resource documents, prepare reports, respond to information requests and sponsor workshops related to relevant topics such as Inmate Behavior Management, sharing of inmate medical information and policy and procedure development. Some resources that were provided during 2010 include:

- Model Policy and Procedures
- Model Jail Records
- Policy and Procedure Resource Manual and Inmate Handbook
- The Jail Planning and Construction Manual
- Jail Bulletin Training Modules
- And a wide variety of National Institute of Corrections materials.

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

Staff completed an annual inspection of all 75 adult jails and four juvenile detention centers in the State during 2010. Written reports of these inspections were prepared and submitted to the Jail Standards Board for review and official action on a quarterly basis. At the end of 2010, eight detention centers in Nebraska were officially out of compliance with the Standards. Adult facilities are inspected for compliance with Standards regulating personnel, records and statistics, admission and release of inmates, classification, security and control, library materials, rehabilitative services, mail, visiting and telephone service, health services, food services, inmate's rights, inmate behavior, discipline and grievance processes and existing and new facility design and construction.

JAIL STANDARDS DIVISION(CONTINUED)

TRAINING

Jail Standards staff provide a variety of training opportunities for detention facility staff across the State.

- In 2010, Jail Standards staff participated in providing Initial Jail Training for 153 new detention center staff in jails throughout Nebraska. This included training at the Law Enforcement Training Center, Hall County, Scotts Bluff County, Lancaster County, Platte County, Dakota County and Dawes County.
- In 2010, staff continued an update of the curriculum materials for the Juvenile Detention Caregivers Initial Training for staff who serve juveniles., and for the Initial Jail Training Program for new employees of adult jails.
- In conjunction with the Nebraska Correctional Administrators and Managers Association, and the Department of Corrections Medical Services Division, Jail Standards staff presented the 13th Annual Spring Conference for detention and corrections professionals. The 2010 Conference, held in Kearney, included 273 participants, 38 vendors and two full days of excellent and relevant presentations designed to continue the professionalization of corrections and detention in Nebraska.
- In 2010, staff provided a Training-for-Trainers course for 19 new jail training officers.

INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

The Information Services Division consists of six individuals. They provide support in three primary areas: research and statistics, support of criminal justice integration and meeting the agency's internal IT needs. Given the advances in technology, the power of automation and the goal of reducing redundancy for our agency as well as the many entities that the Crime Commission works with, there is a great deal of interaction in the projects and duties addressed by the Division. Statistical projects overlap with local law enforcement automation. Data integration provides opportunities for data collection. These efforts help make for cost effective, long term solutions instead of stand-alone projects.



NEBRASKA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM(NCJIS)

NCJIS is a secure portal providing access to a variety of data to certified users. It provides a cornerstone for sharing data among agencies as searches allow users to see all activity related to a particular individual. In 2010,

- There were 6,531 users from 391 agencies logging in 858,971 times;
- 4,726,181 searches were conducted across criminal histories, probation, corrections, jail, court and other systems;
- 848,801 court pages were displayed;
- And 1,283,879 DV=MV driver histories were viewed
- New services were added including access to accident reports.

Information Services staff are continually working to increase the collection and sharing of data among criminal justice and related agencies. Accomplishments include:

1. Operating NCJIS (Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System), a secure internet based data portal providing access to criminal justice and related data.
2. Providing NDEN (Nebraska Data Exchange Network) as a resource with limited views of NCJIS, primarily non-restricted data, to non-criminal justice users. Over 1,200 Department of Health and Human Services users access NDEN. Also, users from the Child Advocacy Centers use this tool to help in the investigation of child abuse cases.
3. Providing victim notification and detainee information through VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday), a service available since May 2000. Individuals can either obtain information on someone being held in jail or prison or request to receive information by phone or email of a release. In 2010, there were 5,427 new registrations by people wanting to be notified of the release of an arrestee or offender, an average of over 450 people per month. Almost 25,000 calls were made to VINE to obtain information, calls that otherwise may have gone directly to County Attorneys or corrections staff. Almost 139,000 online searches for offender information were also conducted.
4. Increasing online access to data by providing both reports and searchable data on the Crime Commission website. This includes details on crimes as well as about 500,000 traffic stops in Nebraska. People are able to create their own queries to get detailed information about either statewide or city and county level detail on reported offenses, arrests, juvenile court data and crime rates.

INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION (CONTINUED)

Data is produced in various forms and is also available for user defined searches on the Crime Commission website. Statistics and research programs include:

- UCR/NIBRS (Uniform Crime Report / Nebraska Incident Based Reporting System) - These provide the basis for looking at reported crime and arrests by law enforcement.
- Traffic Stops - Law enforcement contacts are collected to provide an annual report relating to the nature of stops and the possibility of racial profiling.
- Jail Hold - Data from local facilities is gathered to support the needs of the Jail Standards Division as well as local planning.
- Juvenile Court Reporting
- Offender Populations - The Crime Commission provides statistical support for the Community Corrections Council.

Data integration efforts of the CJIS Advisory Committee focus on two main areas.

1. Increased access to data - This is driven by NCJIS, a secure data portal providing access to a wide variety of justice and related datasets to users at their desks, in their cars or using mobile devices. Data includes criminal histories, jail and corrections holds, probationers, court cases and mug shots. NDEN provides a limited view of NCJIS for non-criminal justice entities such as juvenile service providers and schools.
2. Improved data through the criminal justice cycle - Efforts to help local automation have included sponsoring local automation for law enforcement, jails, electronic citations and prosecutors. After the data is captured locally, it is also being moved across agencies, such as from the prosecutors to the courts, to improve availability as well as eliminate duplicate data entry.

NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (NLETC)

Mission

The Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center is dedicated to educate, train, and evaluate law enforcement officers; as well as regulate statewide training academies and mandated programs, to ensure all meet state certification requirements as established by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice through the Police Standards Advisory Council.

Vision

To be the premier law enforcement training facility with highly qualified instructors and staff capable of meeting the needs and expectations of the Citizens of Nebraska for developing highly trained and competent law enforcement officers.



The Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center was created by Nebraska State Statute 81-1402 to (1) test all law enforcement candidates on behalf of the Police Standards Advisory Council to ensure that they meet pre-certification and certification requirements, (2) oversee and monitor other training schools and training academies to ensure that they meet pre-certification and certification requirements, and (3) conduct certification programs and advanced law enforcement training as directed by the Council.

The Training Center is under the supervision and control of the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council, which is a special standing committee of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (81-1403 & 81-1406). The Training Center Director (81-1404) is directly responsible to the Commission, through the Council, for compliance with the duties prescribed in the statutes. The Council, subject to review by the Commission, promulgates rules for the operation of the Training Center. Additionally, the Council promulgates rules for certification and training requirements for all law enforcement officers in the State of Nebraska. The Council also serves as the fact-finding board for officer revocation actions, and it makes recommendations pertaining to an officer's certification status to the Commission. The Commission reviews the Council's recommendation and makes a final

determination regarding the officer's certification status. Through the efforts of the Director, Council and Commission, the public is assured that Nebraska Law Enforcement Officers are competent and professional.

The Training Center is home for two law enforcement academies. The Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC) Academy services every Nebraska agency requiring law enforcement certification training except Omaha and Lincoln police departments who operate their own academies under the guidance of the Council in their respective jurisdictions. The Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy (NSPTA) is collocated with the Training Center Academy. The NSPTA trains both entry-level law enforcement officers as well as in-service and training for all NSP sworn and civilian employees.

The Training Center is located on a 40 acre campus adjacent to the Grand Island Airport. The two academies share administrative office and classroom space, 104 double-occupancy dorm rooms, a driving track, outdoor firearms range, police service dog facility, carrier enforcement training building, on-site dining facilities and a host of other police training facilities. The budget of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center supports both the Training Center and the Nebraska State Patrol Academies.

NLETC TRAINING FOR FISCAL YEAR 09/10

A Total of 133 courses were offered with nearly 1,800 students and 73,600 training hours delivered in fiscal year 2009/2010 (excludes NSPTA courses that were reported via NSP).

SPECIALIZED COURSES (87 COURSES OFFERED, 861 STUDENTS FOR 13,756 TRAINING HOURS)

Specialized offerings included: Basic Dispatcher Training, Child Injury & Child Death Investigation, Civil Process, Department of Agriculture Training, Defensive Tactics Instructor & Recertification, Escape & Evasion, Emergency Medical Dispatcher, Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor, Firearms Instructor & Recertification, Field Training Officer, Grade Crossing Collision, Use of Force Instructor Development course, Defensive Duty Knife Instructor, Laser Training, NCIC Tele-communicator, Police Service Dog, Older Driver Training, NE Policies Best Practices, Patrol Rifle Instructor Course, Sheriff's Continuing Education, SHARP Instructor & Recertification.

HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT COURSES (19 COURSES OFFERED, 490 STUDENTS, 8,531 TRAINING HOURS)

Under the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety Grant, regional and NLETC hosted training included: Advance Accident Investigation, Intermediate Accident Investigation, CAD Zone Basic and Advance, In-Car-Video, Laser Radar, DataMaster and Preliminary Breath Testing, Radar Instructor & Recertification, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, and IPTM Traffic Crash Reconstruction.

BUILDING DIVISON

The Department of Administrative Services hired Advanced Engineering Systems of Lincoln to draft plans for the HVAC & Energy upgrades to the original 1980 portion of our facility. Schematic design work is currently underway with the actual construction projected to start in March, 2011. The 309 Task Force is funding the project. The outside drive track was repaved with asphalt in 2010.



DRUG GRANT COURSES (12 COURSES OFFERED, 206 STUDENTS, 1,782 TRAINING HOURS)

Under the Crime Commission drug grant, offerings included: Homicide Investigation, Drug Interdiction, Intro to Drugged Driving, Tactical Ground Fighting Instructor, and MILO Regional Training in Holdrege, Jefferson County and Wayne Police

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

NLETC, working with the State Police Memorial Committee, participated in the Nebraska Police Memorial Dedication Service on Monday, May 10th, 2010 at the Nebraska Police Memorial located in Fonner Park, Grand Island. (Pictures of the 174th Basic taken by Steven Gobel)

COPS SEMINAR

The Nebraska Community Colleges Criminal Justice Department's, Career Opportunities & Professions Seminar was held at NLETC on October 7th. Over 230 students from across the state attended the full day seminar that introduced them to our facility and covered topics of Polygraph, Cybercrime, MILO, Driving Simulator, Firearms Demonstration, Defensive Tactics, Arson Investigation, Fingerprinting and NSP Demonstrations. Next year will feature Federal law enforcement and will be held in Norfolk.

MODEL POLICY PROJECT

Nebraska now has a law enforcement **model policy handbook** specific to Nebraska statutes and case law thanks to the efforts of the League of Nebraska Municipalities and the League Association of Risk Management. Train the Trainer workshops were held with over 125 law enforcement administrators attending. Individual locations/totals: Scottsbluff/Gering-14, North Platte-27, Hastings-14, LaVista-41, and Norfolk-29. The training and model policy handbook was provided to law enforcement management attending at no cost to the law enforcement agency.



Photo by Steven Gobel

Mandatory Courses (11 courses, 49,614 training hours, 236 students)

Basic Officer Certification (607 hours, 14 week basic training program)

Three basic sessions were held, starting with 100 seats and graduating 81 basic students.

Basic Jail Certification (80 hours, 2 weeks)

Three basic jail sessions were held, graduating 43 students.

Management Certification (24 hours, 3 days)

One management session. was held, graduating 24 students.

Reciprocity/Reactivation/Reserve/Tribal Certification (180/212 hours, most via on-line courses)

Two courses were held, graduating 34 students.

Supervision Certification (24 hours, 3 days)

Three courses were offered, graduating 54 students.

NEW LICENSES ISSUED

196 New or reactivated Law Enforcement Certificates were issued this fiscal year

Lincoln Police Academy	22
Omaha Police Academy	48
Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy	81
Reserve/Reciprocity/Reactivation	16
Licenses Revoked	9

NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (NLETC)

NLETC FY 10/11 BUDGET

General Funds, Operations	2,058,018
Cash Funds, Operations	616,669
Federal Funds, Operations	100,000

The NLETC, located in Grand Island, is administered by the Crime Commission. The Police Standards Advisory Council is consulted on all matters pertaining to the Training Center and acts as a subcommittee of the Crime Commission governing body. A renovation and expansion of the Training Center facility was completed in 2005 at a cost of \$11,385,000. This project added classrooms, a gymnasium, weight room, dorm rooms, office space, a firearms simulator, a vehicle inspection building and a dog kennel. In addition, the dining room and kitchen were expanded, and improvements made to the firearms range, driving track, and student lounge. The State Patrol Training Academy is now co-located at the expanded Training Center facility.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL

The Community Corrections Council is a governing board created by the Legislature in 2003 to identify appropriate alternatives to incarceration and foster their utilization within a comprehensive community justice strategy. The Council is a unique collaborative effort between the Executive, Judicial and Legislative branches of government, criminal justice representatives, Department of Health and Human Services and providers.

Since its inception, the Council's mandate has included the development and implementation of a plan for statewide use of, and standards for, community correctional facilities and programs. The Council is also charged with the creation of, and revision to, sentencing guidelines.

The Council staff and members have also been working diligently on the development of a criminal justice data reporting and analysis system. This data system allows the Council to quantify the cost savings and recidivism reductions from community programs and enable the state to make consistent, competent, and informed criminal justice policy and sentencing decisions.

The Community Corrections Council is housed within the Crime Commission which provides budgetary and administrative support .	Breakdown of Funds	
	Substance Abuse Treatment	1,798,257
	Specialized Courts	2,060,526
	Reporting Centers	1,313,878
	Uniform Data Analysis	405,917
General Funds, Operations	5,482,543	
Cash Funds, Operations	405,917	
	Operations	309,882

"Character, in the long run, is the decisive factor in the life of an individual and of nations alike."

- Theodore Roosevelt

OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The primary responsibility of the State Office of Violence Prevention is to help promote and assess statewide violence prevention programs in the State of Nebraska.

The Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) aids privately funded organizations, local government subdivisions, and other community leaders and advocacy groups in developing proven and cutting-edge Prevention, Intervention, and Enforcement theories and techniques.

Through a competitive grants process administered by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Crime Commission), the OVP recently awarded \$350,000 to five separate organizations in Nebraska that have shown a history of documented success in helping to reduce violent crime in Nebraska two of the recipients are located and operate within the Omaha metropolitan area.

The grant recipients are required to develop goals, objectives and performance indicators in order to help evaluate the success of the financial distribution. Upon awarding of the funds, grantees will be required to submit quarterly activity and cash reports to the Office of Violence Prevention/Crime Commission. Also, grantees will be required to provide an evaluation report and a portion of the grant funds must be used for a professional evaluator. The report must provide a comprehensive review of the program's overall effort, and measurable results during the grant cycle. Those results must be provided to the Office of Violence Prevention.

OBJECTIVES

One of the objectives of the office is to break down the issues regionally throughout Nebraska. A goal of the Office of Violence Prevention is to help outline the project operation for organizations throughout Nebraska that work in the areas of crime prevention, intervention, enforcement and diversion.

Another objective is to establish sustainability in order to aid communities throughout Nebraska into the future. To accomplish this goal, the OVP is also seeking to develop continuous and reliable funding sources that will aid in continuing this collaborative effort.

THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION ADVISORY COUNCIL

In May of 2009, the Nebraska Legislature passed LB 63, establishing the Office of Violence Prevention within the Nebraska Crime Commission. A provision within LB 63 provided for the establishment of the Advisory Council to the Office of Violence Prevention. The Council is to meet quarterly and is directed to recommend – to the Crime Commission – rules and regulation regarding fundraising, program evaluation, coordination of programs, and criteria used to assess and award funds to violence prevention programs.

General Funds, Operations	\$100,000
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Cash Funds, Aid	\$350,000
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EXPANSION OF STATEWIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN IN 2010 AND BEYOND

The Douglas County recipients of the Office of Violence Prevention grants have partnered to work as a unit in order to implement the Douglas County Violent Crime Reduction Strategy, also known as the Office of Violence Prevention's Comprehensive Strategy. The partners are working together to create a comprehensive strategy to address the causes and negative impacts of violent crime in the community. The strategy will allow for the sustainability of the collaborative process, and provide for opportunities for much needed additional funding in the future.

Platte County Diversion also received grant funding through the competitive grants process. Platte County, which includes the city of Columbus, and the villages of Monroe, Humphrey, Lindsay, Tarnov, Duncan, Platte Center and Creston, has been helpful in identifying specific areas where gang related issues are of an immediate concern. Platte County Diversion has developed a Task Force made up of the county attorney, law enforcement, probation, diversion and school officials, to enhance collaboration. Diversion also plans to employ two contractual agents in order to deal with information data sources and data sharing, as well as a jailhouse interviewer.

This model, along with the Douglas County collaboration model, has aided the Office of Violence Prevention in proposed expansion of future services. The Comprehensive Strategy has drawn considerable interest in Hall County, Dakota County, Buffalo County and other areas throughout western Nebraska.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha have both indicated significant interest in the Violence Prevention Strategy, and are currently collaborating with Douglas County intervention organizations to aid in this effort.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO CRIME COMMISSION STATUTES - 2010

LB 510 Imposes a \$1 court fee for each misdemeanor or felony conviction. It also requires the Director of Correctional Services to withhold up to 5% of the net wages of inmates assigned to the work release program. The revenue from these two sources is to be deposited in the following ratio: 75% to the Crime Victim's Reparations program and 25% to the Department of Corrections for programs offered to inmates assigned to the incarceration work camp in McCook.

Effective Date: July 15, 2010

LB 746 Extends the sunset date for collecting data on motor vehicle stops and the characteristics of race or ethnicity of the person stopped from January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2014. The Crime Commission collects this data from all law enforcement agencies in Nebraska. The Commission is also required to produce an annual report.

LB 746 also adds three members to the Racial Profiling Committee, which expands the membership from 8 to 11 members. The Executive Director of the Crime Commission is the chairperson of this committee. LB 746 requires the Committee to provide an analysis of the annual report and make policy recommendations with respect to racial profiling

Effective Date: July 15, 2010

LB 800 LB 800 is a comprehensive juvenile justice bill. One section of the bill provides that when a court issues an order to seal juvenile records, a notice of the order is to be sent to the Crime Commission.

LB 800 also mandates that when counties distribute funds provided under the County Juvenile Services Aid program, they shall prioritize programs and services that will reduce the juvenile detention population

Effective Date: July 15, 2010

LB 844 Statutes required the Law Enforcement Training Center to charge tuition for mandatory (basic) training beginning January 2, 2011. LB 844 removed this language from statute.

Effective Date: July 15, 2010



Standing Committees:

Crime Victim's Reparations Committee
Education/Research/Planning Committee
Grant Review Committee
Statute Review Committee
Data Processing Committee
Police Standards Advisory Council

Advisory Groups:

Coalition for Juvenile Justice
County Attorney Standards Advisory Council
Criminal Justice Information Systems
Advisory Committee
Office of Violence Prevention Advisory
Council
Racial Profiling Committee

Jail Standards Board

Budget/ Administration

The Crime Commission staff
provides support for

Law Enforcement Training Center

Fiscal Planning and
Administrative Support

Community Corrections Council**Budget/Administration**

The Council is within the Crime Commission for administrative support and budgetary purposes. The Executive Director of the Council is appointed by the Governor.

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